Arizona Teacher Certification & Licensure Pathway Guide

ADE Standard Professional Certificate Roadmap [Grades 1-8 & K-12 SPED]

Clearwater School of Education - Phoenix, Arizona

STEP 1: IDENTITY VERIFIED PRINT [IVP] FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE

Before stepping into any Arizona classroom, candidates must obtain an active Level One IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety [DPS] pursuant to A.R.S. 15-106. Cards must remain active throughout all semesters of clinical placement.

STEP 2: NATIONAL EVALUATION SERIES [NES] EXAMINATIONS

Candidates must achieve passing scaled scores on required Pearson NES licensure tests: NES Assessment of Professional Knowledge [Elementary or Special Education] and appropriate subject knowledge tests. Clearwater hosts targeted review modules in the Microteaching Center.

STEP 3: INSTITUTIONAL RECOMMENDATION [IR] & ENDORSEMENTS

Upon successful completion of the academic program, 400 clinical residency hours, and required state exams, the Registrar submits the formal IR directly to the Arizona Department of Education for Standard Professional Certificate issuance with Dual-Language or ESL endorsements.